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Price 3d.] EDINBURGH, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12. 1786.

THEATRE ROYAL.

TO-MORROW April 13. will be perſented,
(For the laſt time this Seaſon)
The New Comedy, *(never performed but once in this Kingdom)*, called, The

HEIRESS.

Written by GENERAL BURGOYNE.
And now performing at the Theatre-Royal, Drury-Lane, with univerſal Applauſe.
The Characters to be New Dreſſed, and the Play properly abridged in the Repreſentation.

Clifford,	Mr WOODS;
Lord Gayville,	Mr ILIFF;
Sir Clement Flint,	Mr W.-WELLS;
Chignon,	Mr LA-MASH;
Blandiſh,	Mr BELL;
Prompt,	Mr YATES;
Rightly,	Mr HALLION;
And Alſcrip,	Mr WILSON.
Lady Emily Gayville,	Mrs W.-WELLS;
Miſs Alſcrip,	Mrs SPARKS;
Mrs Letitia Blandiſh,	Mrs O'REILLY;
Mrs Sagely,	Mrs CHARTERIS;
Tiffany,	Mrs J. BLAND;

And Miſs Alton, (with the Original Song,) Mrs JACKSON.
To which will be added, (2d Time), a Muſical Farce, called,

PEEPING TOM OF COVENTRY.

With the original Medley Overture.

Peeping Tom,	Mr WILSON;
Harold,	Mr MICHELL;
Crazy,	Mr KIPPLING;
Earl of Mercia,	Mr W.-WELLS;
And the Mayor of Coventry,	Mr O'REILLY.
Emma,	Mrs ILIFF;
The Mayoreſs,	Mrs CHARTERIS;
Lady Godiva,	Mrs J. BLAND;
And Maud,	Mrs SPARKS.

Juſt arrived from London,
At Mr CHARLES SMALL's Hair-dreſſer, Firſt fore-ſtair below Bridge Street,

THE Curious and Philoſophical Ladies and Gentlemen of this truly learned and reſpectable city, are reſpectfully informed, that they may now be entertained with the ſight of that aſtoniſhing piece of Mechaniſm, the

SPEAKING FIGURE,

—"Which tho' inanimate, will hold diſcourſe,
And with the powers of Reaſon ſeem inſpired."

This agreeable artificial Lady is rather leſs than a child ſix weeks old, being only 22 inches in height, is ſuſpended in the air by a ribband, and (if required) will be taken down and held in the hand.

ANSWERS ALL QUESTIONS

That the numerous viſitors chuſe to put to her, in the Engliſh, French, Spaniſh, German, or Dutch Languages, in ſo polite, correct, judicious, and perfect a manner, that all who have done her the honour of a viſit ſay, That ſo young a mind, and ſo well informed, is rare indeed.—

IF DESIRED, SHE WILL
ASK THE QUESTION.

Any Lady or Gentleman may hold a converſation with the Figure in ſo low a whiſper, that though the room be full of Company, none need be privy to their diſcourſe.

The Marquis of Worceſter, in the reign of King James, declared to Parliament the poſſibility of forming a figure ſimilar to the above. But what the Lords and Parliament then believed impoſſible is here brought to full perfection, as may be ſeen and heard from ELEVEN in the forenoon, till NINE at night.

Sev'n Wonders once adorn'd Earth's circling ball,
Here view a wonder far ſurpaſſing all:
A Child of Art, nor yet one year of age,
Informs the curious, and confounds the Sage.

Admittance ONE SHILLING each perſon.

TO BE SOLD,

A Handſome Hunting or Road Mare,

near ſixteen hands high, ſix years old, able for moſt weights, free from all blemiſhes, and remarkable for temper and breeding.

For particulars, apply to Mr John Ogg ſtabler, Weſt Port, Edinburgh.

A Meſſenger Reponed.

LYON OFFICE, 10th APRIL 1786.

DUNCAN MACLELLAN Meſſenger in Iſlay, ſome time ago advertiſed as ſuſpended, was this day REPONED to his office of Meſſenger at Arms, and authoriſed to execute the ſame as formerly. Of which this intimation is given to all concerned. By Order of Court,

ROB. RANKEN, Lyon Clk. Dep.

Bathing Quarters, &c.

To LET, for ſuch time as ſhall be agreed upon,

A GENTEEL FURNISHED LODGING in the Skirts of Leith, conſiſting of five Rooms, Kitchen, Waſhing-Houſe, &c. ſo laid out, that it will eaſily divide, having a handſome dining room and bed-room in one end, and three rooms in the other, with the kitchen in the middle.

For particulars, enquire at the Poſt Office, Leith, or at the LEITH WINE CELLARS, oppoſite the head of Niddery's Wynd, Edinburgh. Where may be had,

EXCELLENT LONDON PORTER, at 3 s. per dozen.

Bathing Quarters.

TO be SET, and entered to immediately, or at Whitſunday firſt, That large LODGING or DWELLING-HOUSE, lying at the eaſt end of the town of Preſtonpans, with coach-houſe, ſtables, and other offices complete, with a ſmall garden or bleaching green, all as lately poſſeſſed by the deceaſed Lord Weſthall.

The houſe conſiſts of dining room, drawing room, parlour, ſix bed-rooms, cloſets, and a large kitchen, waſhing houſe and cellars, all in good repair. It is not only moſt agreeable country lodgings, but the beſt ſituated of any in the neighbourhood for Bathing Quarters. There is an excellent ſoft-water well at the back of the houſe; and the poſſeſſors can be accommodated with every kind of garden ſtuffs from a ſmall garden adjoining to the premiſſes.

Apply to Mr John Smith, the proprietor, at Preſtonpans, or George Martin or Thomas Smith writers, Argyle Square, Edinburgh.

Houſe and Ground to Let.

To be LET, and entered to at Whitſunday firſt,

THE HOUSE of CALTERSTONE, with 10 or 25 acres of graſs ground round it, lying in the pariſh of Ratho, and about ſix meaſured miles weſt from Edinburgh, pleaſantly ſituated between the Glaſgow and Bathgate roads, and of eaſy acceſs to both. The houſe and offices were rebuilt laſt ſummer, and fitted up for the accommodation of a genteel family.

If the tenant inclines, he may have 50 or 60 acres of ground after crop 1786, and a leaſe of it from 1 to 36 years, as can be agreed upon. The grounds are ſufficiently fenced and watered, and all in graſs, except 20 acres which were ſummer fallowed and well dunged for wheat laſt year.

For particulars apply to George Imlach, writer in Edinburgh, or Mr Robert Kirkland, ſurgeon in Gogar.

Not to be repeated.

This Day is publiſhed,
By CHARLES ELLIOT, Edinburgh, William Anderſon, Stirling, and Dunlop & Wilſon, Glaſgow,
(Price 3s. ſewed, and 3 s. 6d. neatly bound in calf,)
With an Elegant Frontiſpiece,
THE

MUSICAL MISCELLANY:

A SELECT COLLECTION OF
Scots, Engliſh, and Iriſh Songs,
SET TO MUSIC.

Share of a Buſineſs Wanted.

A GENTLEMAN, educated in Edinburgh, regularly bred in the Mercantile line, and *who has* been in buſineſs abroad for a number of years paſt, wiſhes to get again into that line, with ſome perſon or perſons in Edinburgh or Leith, as a Partner. He will readily take a part of the management of the buſineſs, or aſſiſt in keeping the books.—He can inſtantly advance 500l. or 600 l. Sterling in caſh, or more, if neceſſary.

For further particulars apply to James Marſhall writer to the ſignet. Not to be repeated.

MONEY WANTED.

WANTED to Borrow at Whitſunday next, L. 1000 Sterling on heritable ſecurity.

For particulars apply to George Imlach, writer in Edinburgh.

MONEY WANTED.

WANTED to Borrow, on the moſt unqueſtionable heritable ſecurity, at Whitſunday next, any Sum from 12,000 l. to 14,000 l. Sterling.

For further particulars apply to John Tait junior, writer to the ſignet.

NOTICE.

BY Order of the Maſter and other Office Bearers of ST THOMAS's LODGE, Arbroath,—Notice is hereby given to all the Members of the ſaid Lodge, to attend a meeting, in the houſe of Edward Shaw, vintner in Arbroath, on the firſt Wedneſday of June 1786, at ſeven o'clock in the evening, and at ſaid meeting, thoſe who are outſtanding Members to pay their arrears, and make ſatisfaction, otherwiſe they will be excluded from the Lodge, and can have no title to it afterwards.

CONVEYANCE OF GOODS AND PASSENGERS
BY

The Forth and Clyde Navigation.

THE Company of Proprietors of the Forth and Clyde Navigation, having now eſtabliſhed periodical track-boats, properly conſtructed for goods and paſſengers, which ſail regularly from the baſons at Glaſgow and Grangemouth, every Monday, Wedneſday, and Friday, at ſeven o'clock in the morning, and reach the other end of the Canal, either eaſt or weſt, the ſame evening, ſo as to give the moſt perfect aſſurance to the public, that goods delivered at the warehouſe of Mr Gilbert Hamilton, at Glaſgow, or to Mr John Winnington, at Grangemouth, or to any of the agents, at either end of the Canal (deſtined for theſe track-boats) every Tueſday, Thurſday, and Saturday, before ſix o'clock in the evening, will reach their place of deſtination, either eaſt or weſt, the next evening, and will be delivered the following morning—thereby affording the ſame facility and certainty as if ſent by a ſtage-waggon.

And, that the public may be ſubjected to no trouble in procuring the neceſſary diſpatches, or in employing agents to forward goods upon the Canal, general warehouſes are now opened:

At Glaſgow, under the direction of Mr GILBERT HAMILTON.

At Grangemouth, under the direction of Mr JOHN WINNINGTON.

At Leith, under the direction of Mr THOMAS HART, at Meſſ. Allan, Steuart, and Co's.

At London, under the direction of Mr JOHN COURAGE, Manager for the Carron Shipping-Company, at Glaſgow-Wharf.

Where every ſpecies of goods intended for the Canal-Navigation are received, and forwarded with care and diſpatch; and goods deſtined for Leith, Newcaſtle, Hull, and places adjacent, are alſo received, every day, by Mr Gilbert Hamilton, and will be forwarded, with the utmoſt expedition, by regular traders, to the place of deſtination.

And that the Public may have every inducement to encourage this undertaking, the following very low rates are eſtabliſhed, in full of freight, lock-dues, cartage to the baſon at Glaſgow, and agencies, viz.

From Grangemouth to Glaſgow, per Cwt.		*From Glaſgow to Grangemouth,* per Cwt.		
Pig Iron,	3½d.	—	—	3 d.
Bar-Iron, Lead, Tin, &c.	4½d.	—	—	4 d.
Caſt Iron Goods,	5¼d.	—	—	4½d.
Heavy Goods, ſuch as aſhes, liquors, ſugars, tobacco, dye-ſtuffs, ſeeds, &c. &c.	6 d.	—	—	5¼d.
Light Goods, ſuch as bales, boxes, parcels, &c.	6¼d.	—	—	5¾d.
Cotton, hemp, flax, feathers, ſtrawald, and ſuch like articles,	7 d.	—	—	6¼d.

Hops, one ſhilling per pocket.

Herrings, Hides, Tobacco, Sugars, Molaſſes, Beef, Pork, Naval Stores, or other *bulky Articles*, going to Leith, Hull, London, &c. will be ſent for by the agent in Glaſgow, on receiving notice to that purpoſe; and, on the like notice being given to the agents at Leith, carts will be ſent to convey bulky goods from any part of Edinburgh, which may be deſtined for Glaſgow, and places adjacent, by the Canal Packets, now to be eſtabliſhed between Leith and Glaſgow; and the Public may be aſſured, that the expence of this mode of conveyance will, in all caſes, fall very conſiderably under the land-carriage, and in many inſtances, it will not exceed one half the preſent rates.

Paſſengers will be accommodated in the track-boats, at three farthings per mile, or one ſhilling and nine-pence in full, for the whole length of the Canal; and each will be allowed 40 pounds weight of luggage.

Paſſengers going eaſt, will be landed at Camelon, near Falkirk, from whence (if encouragement is given) it is expected ſtage-machines will be eſtabliſhed every Tueſday, Thurſday, and Saturday, to convey ſuch goods as may be ordered by land-carriage, and alſo all paſſengers who mean to go to Edinburgh, or places adjacent.

Proper receipts will be given by the different agents for all goods committed to their charge; and the Public may rely on the utmoſt fidelity, accuracy and attention in conducting this buſineſs.

GLASGOW, APRIL 10. 1786.

TO BE SOLD,
By Private Bargain,

THE Lands and Eſtate of Preſtonhall,

lying within the pariſh of Cranſton, and ſhire of Edinburgh.

The houſe and offices are in complete repair, and fit for the immediate reſidence of any family.

Apply to Charles Gordon writer to the ſignet, who has powers to conclude.

MEETING OF SOUTHERN DISTRICTS.

THE Eight Diſtricts deſcribed by the 10th act of his preſent Majeſty, are to meet again on Tueſday next the 18th, to conſider further of the Bill preſently depending in Parliament, for compelling the inhabitants of thoſe Diſtricts to pay the 10 per cent. impoſed by the act for building the South Bridge, whether ſuch ſums ſhall be neceſſary for defraying the expence of the ſaid Bridge or not.—The object of the meeting is not to oppoſe the payment of the ſaid 10 per cent. it being the unanimous ſenſe of the former meeting, that the Eight Diſtricts, tho' not bound to contribute along with the citizens of Edinburgh towards works within the city, ſhould in this inſtance conſent to ſuch a contribution; but to take care, by a ſpecial clauſe in this new act, to ſecure the performance of ſeveral material improvements within their bounds, which were held out to them by the former Bill, but for which they have thereby no ſecurity in any ſhape whatever; and alſo, to guard againſt the propoſed aſſeſſment being drawn into a precedent for taxing the inhabitants of the Eight Diſtricts in time coming, along with the citizens of Edinburgh, for which the Bill in its preſent ſhape clearly lays a foundation.

NOTICE

To the HERITORS of SOUTH LEITH.

WHEREAS the Magiſtrates of Edinburgh, and the ſeveral pariſhes of Canongate, Weſt Kirk, and North Leith, have entered into joint meaſures to ſuppreſs Vagrant Beggars, as it is highly proper that South Leith ſhould alſo concur in theſe meaſures, but which they cannot do till a proper plan is concerted for ſupport of the poor of this pariſh.—Theſe are, therefore, requiring the Heritors of South Leith to meet in the Kirk there, on Thurſday the 20th inſtant, at twelve o'clock noon, to form proper meaſures for ſupport of the pariſh poor, and ſuppreſſion of vagrants.

A GENTEEL HOUSE

To be LET and entered to at Whitſunday next,

THE HOUSE which was occupied by the late Doctor Wiſhart, with a Garden behind, and Area and Shrubbery in front, to the north of the Canongate ſtreet, and with an entry oppoſite to the Britiſh Linen Office, and a Coach entry from the back of the Canongate.

For particulars enquire at the houſe, at Alexander Aliſon, Eſq; Exciſe Office, or Meſſ. Young and Trotter.

Dr Smith's Reſtorative Medicine,

At 11 s. 6 d. the bottle, Duty included.

For Broken, Weak, and Decayed Conſtitutions,

Is Sold by JOHN CAW, front of the Royal Exchange, Edinburgh, and no where elſe in Scotland.

MANY who have experienced the happy effects of theſe Drops, from a deſire of benefiting their fellow men in diſtreſs, have permitted the Doctor to gave their names to the world.—But the reputation of this Medicine is ſo widely and honourably eſtabliſhed, that it is quite unneceſſary to lay theſe before the Public. It is only neceſſary to mention, that numbers who had loſt all hopes of ever having any Children, have, by the uſe of theſe Drops become the parents of a healthy and beautiful offspring; and that for every ſpecies of the Venereal Diſeaſe, theſe Drops are the moſt effectual, and at the ſame time, the ſafeſt remedy ever offered to the Public, being quite free from the uſe of mercury, which is generally ſo fatal in its effects to the patient. A ſlight peruſal of the 22d edition of the Doctor's Treatiſe on that Diſeaſe, which may be had of J. CAW, will convince any perſon of the efficacy of theſe Drops, and give proper directions how to uſe them.

This being the proper ſeaſon for uſing
SPILSBURY'S ANTISCORBUTIC DROPS,

A freſh cargo is juſt now received of that ineſtimable Medicine, which has performed ſo many cures even in this city, and by the proprietor Mr Spilſbury, at his Diſpenſary, Soho Square, London. The Drops are in the 5 s. bottles, and the large ones, which may now alſo be had at 11. 2 s. duty included, of J. CAW, as above; who has alſo procured a parcel of the Compound Balſam uſed for Colds, Coughs, Aſthmas, Hooping Coughs, &c. with great ſucceſs. The price is only 1 s. a bottle duty included.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of the late ALEXANDER GIBSON, Eſq; of Durie.

AS the Eſtate is SOLD, and the price payable at Whitſunday next, the Creditors were advertiſed to produce their grounds of debt, with oaths upon the verity thereof, on or before the 1ſt March laſt; but as many of them have not complied with that advertiſement, this further notice is given to the concerned, That ſuch as ſhall neglect to lodge their grounds and oaths on the verity of their debts, in the hands of Cornelius Elliot writer to the ſignet, agent for the truſtees of Mr Gibſon, or in the hands of Hugh Bremner, at Mr Alexander Farquharſon's, accomptant in Edinburgh, on or before the 1ſt day of May next, cannot expect to receive their payment upon the 15th May, and after that day no intereſt will be allowed.

Cotton and Linen Printing,

By ARCH. WIGHT and ALEX. CLARK, in Co.
AT ORMISTON,

WHERE Cotton and Linen Cloths for houſehold furniture, ladies gowns, and other garments, continue to be printed in the beſt and neateſt manner.

They have this year added to their former collection a variety of new and faſhionable patterns, which may be ſeen in their books at the following places, viz.

Meſſ. Claud Inglis merchant, Luckenbooths; John Storie merchant, Graſsmarket; David Gray merchant, ditto; John M'Ready grocer, Briſto-ſtreet; David Milroy ſtocking weaver, head of New Street; James Greenfield grocer, head of St John's Street, Canongate, Edinburgh;—Alexander Henderſon flax-dreſſer, Dubraw, Leith; John Pringle merchant, Dalkeith; Martin Begg merchant, Muſſelburgh; Robert Haldane ſtocking-manufacturer, Haddington; George Smith weaver, Dirleton; Mrs Oliver merchant, North Berwick; Thomas Ramſay merchant, Garvald Kirk; William Niſbet merchant, Dunbar; Andrew Edgar merchant, Berwick upon Tweed; Robert Dick merchant, Coldſtream; John Hunter and Son merchants, Dunſe; Robert Corſar merchant, Greenlaw; William Rutherford merchant, Kelſo; Robert Patterſon manufacturer, Melroſe; John Nixon merchant, Hawick; James Forreſt merchant, Lanark; Andrew Bell merchant, Falkirk; John Hill merchant, Stirling; Robert Galloway merchant, Alloa; James Reid merchant, Kincardine; Mrs Todd ſchoolmiſtreſs, Leſlie; Alexander Paxton manufacturer, Colinſburgh; John Menzies merchant, Dundee; Robert Gourlay ſenior merchant, St Andrew's; James Richard merchant, Pittenweem; John Riekie merchant, St Monance; Robert Adamſon merchant, Largo; Mrs Rertoul merchant, Kirkaldy; Donald Leſlie carrier, Lethem; and at the printing field, where bleached and unbleached cloth is taken in, and returned with the utmoſt diſpatch.

☞ Meſſ. Wight and Clark return their moſt grateful thanks to thoſe who favoured them with their employment laſt ſeaſon, and the public may depend upon particular attention being paid to execute the work well.

N. B. The greateſt care ſhall be taken of old cloth, but it muſt be entirely at the owner's riſk.

FOR LONDON,
THE DILIGENCE,
PHILIP BUTLER Maſter,
Now lying on the birth in Leith harbour, taking in goods, and will ſail on the 17th inſtant.

This ſhip has excellent accommodation for paſſengers.

For freight or paſſage apply to the maſter at the ſhip, or to Andrew Caſſells at the Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, or at his houſe in Leith.

FOR LONDON,
THE DIANA,
(A NEW SHIP)
JAMES RITCHIE Maſter,
Will ſail from Leith Roads on Tueſday the 18th current, and take in what goods will offer in the time.

This ſhip has her cabbin neatly fitted up for the accommodation of paſſengers.—Thoſe who intend going, will apply to George Ritchie, Leith, for freight or paſſage.

Firſt Ship For LONDON,
The LADY HANNAH,
C. H. KERR Maſter,
Now lying in Leith Harbour, taking in goods, and will ſail firſt fair wind.

The Lady Hannah is a fine new ſhip, built on purpoſe for the trade, and fitted up for paſſengers upon a neat and commodious plan.

Thoſe who are pleaſed to favour this ſhip with goods or paſſage, may depend on her ſailing exactly to the day advertiſed, wind and weather ſerving, as ſhe is a running ſhip.

The Maſter to be ſpoke with at the Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, or at William Ker and Company, ſhore of Leith, who have for ſale a few Hogſheads of excellent Porter, juſt arrived in the above ſhip. Salt Butter in Firkins.

Direct for St PETERSBURGH,
THE SHIP
Betſey and Brothers,
DAVID WISHART Maſter,
Is now ready to take on board goods at Leith, and will be clear to ſail about the 15th April current.

She is a fine large veſſel, ſails the faſteſt of any in the trade, and has excellent accommodation for paſſengers, having a large cabin and two ſtate rooms.

For freight or paſſage apply to Meſſ. Peter and Francis Forreſter and Company, Leith, or at the Ruſſia Warehouſe, Exchange, Edinburgh; where may be had as uſual, all ſorts of Ruſſia Sheetings, Diapers, Drillings, Table Cloths, Printed Linens, Ruſſia Soap, &c.

Copenhagen and Elſinore.

FOR PHILADELPHIA,
THE SHIP
ALEXANDER,
ALEXANDER RITCHIE Maſter.
She is a good veſſel, ſails faſt, has a new Mediterranean paſs, and excellent accommodations for paſſengers; is expected to be ready to take in goods at Greenock in a few days, and will be clear to ſail by the 30th of April.

For freight or paſſage, apply to Meſſ. Allan and Steuart, Edinburgh, Mr William Donald merchant, Glaſgow, or John Stuart, Greenock.

FOR COPENHAGEN,
And to ſail from Leith Roads the 18th current, to be depended on,

The Katty and Peggy,
—— SKIRVEN Maſter.
Goods for freight will be taken on board that day, and the veſſel will ſail directly.

For freight or paſſage, apply to Thomas Haddoway, merchant in Leith.

N. B. This brig is well known to be a faſt ſailing veſſel.

FOR QUEBEC,
THE SHIP
LORD ANKERVILLE,
DAVID ROSS Maſter,
Now lying in the harbour of Greenock, ready to receive goods on board, and will be clear to ſail by the 25th inſt.

For freight or paſſage, apply to James M'Dowall at Glaſgow, or the Maſter.

Glaſgow, April 10. 1786.

For GIBRALTAR, &c.
The Ship BELLONA,
Now lying at Burntiſland, will be ready to ſail from thence by the end of April, for Gibraltar, Marſeilles, Leghorn, and Smyrna, to call at Algiers.

For freight or paſſage, apply to James Hutchiſon, Burntiſland, or Martin and Kerr, Leith.

The Bellona is a fine ſhip, a faſt ſailer, and has good accommodation for paſſengers.

TO be SOLD by public roup, in the houſe of John Bain vintner, Borrowſtounneſs, upon Friday the 21ſt April current, betwixt the hours of one and two afternoon,

The Ship NEPTUNE,
Burden 220 tons or thereby, but could eaſily be made to carry 30 or 40 tons more; built at Liverpool for family uſe; remarkably ſtrong, and well found, ſhifts light, and ſails on twelve feet water when loaded.

Any perſon inclining to purchaſe by private bargain previous to the day of roup, may apply to Mr John Good, merchant in Glaſgow, or Thomas Cowan, merchant in Borrowſtounneſs.

N. B. A parcel of three and four inch OAK PLANK to be ſold. Apply to ſaid Thomas Cowan.

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE, *April* 8.

Whitehall, April 8.

THE King has been pleaſed to preſent the Reverend Andrew Gibſon to the church and pariſh of Muckart, in the preſbytery of Auchterarder and ſhire of Fife, void by the death of the Rev. Archibald Rannie.

St Petersburgh, March 14.

Her Imperial Majeſty was pleaſed to tranſmit this day an ukaſe, or Imperial reſcript, to the Senate, notifying to that Aſſembly her intention of ſetting out, in the courſe of next January, upon a progreſs to her newly-eſtabliſhed governments of Ekaterinoſlaw and the Taurida.

Caſerta, March 14.

His Sicilian Majeſty has been pleaſed to name the Prince Caramanico Viceroy of Sicily; and Don Tomaſo di Somma, his Sicilian Majeſty's Envoy at the Court of Vienna, is appointed to ſucceed the Prince Caramanico, with the character of Ambaſſador at the Court of France.

The Marquis Gallo, his Sicilian Majeſty's Envoy at the Court of Turin, is appointed to ſucceed Don Tomaſo di Somma at the Court of Vienna.

Vienna, March 22.

On Monday laſt their Royal Highneſſes the Archducheſs and Duke of Saxe-Teſchen ſet out on their return to Bruſſels. As it is their intention to ſtop ſome days at Coblentz, and afterwards at Bonn, they are not expected to arrive at Bruſſels before the middle of next month.

Dreſden, March 26.

Count O'Kelly, lately appointed his Imperial Majeſty's Miniſter Plenipotentiary at this Court, had this day his firſt audience of the Elector, to deliver his credentials.

M. de Metzburg, who has reſided here ſince the peace of Teſchen, in quality of Chargé d'Affaires from the Court of Vienna, is appointed his Imperial Majeſty's Reſident in the provinces of Wallachia and Moldavia.

Bonn, March 30.

Laſt week, at the cloſe of the annual aſſembly of the States of this Electorate, it was reſolved to conſtitute a Supreme Council of Reviſion, for the final deciſion of appeals in all civil cauſes from the ordinary Courts of juſtice, and to grant to his Electoral Highneſs the ſum of ten thouſand rix dollars per annum for its ſupport. This Council is to conſiſt of a Preſident and eight Counſellors, to be named by the Elector.

War-Office, April 8. 1786.

3d Regiment of foot, William Burr, late acting Quarter-Maſter to the 61ſt regiment, is appointed to be Quarter-Maſter, vice William Taylor.

8th Regiment of foot, Robert Moleſworth, Gent. to be Enſign, vice William Pawlett.

25th Regiment of foot, Major Thomas Edgar to be Major, vice James Flint.

43d Regiment of foot, Lieutenant Lord Viſcount Falkland, from half-pay in the 100th regiment, to be Lieutenant, vice William Mackrell.

Hugh Munro, Eſq; to be Barrack-Maſter in North Britain, vice Hugh Roſe.

Commiſſion ſigned by his Majeſty for the army in Ireland, dated the 21ſt of February, 1786.

14th Regiment of dragoons, Captain George Montgomery, from half-pay of the 105th foot, to be Captain, vice

LLOYD's LIST, *April* 7.

A COPY of a letter from his Daniſh Majeſty's Board of Commerce at Copenhagen, to his Daniſh Majeſty's Conſul at the Court of Great Britain, ſays, that the Board of Commerce has lately received the moſt authentic accounts from ſeveral of his Majeſty's Conſuls on the coaſt of Barbary, that the Daniſh flag continues to navigate every part of the Mediterranean with the greateſt ſafety.

The cargo of the Agnes, Holland, condemned at Antigua, will be ſhipped in the firſt veſſel for Lancaſter.

The King Pepple, Harding, from Africa, had paſſed Barbadoes. The Lady Penelin, Rivers, left Bonny Bar with her.

The ——, Kras, from Bourdeaux to Hamburg, is ſtranded at Cuxhaven; it is hoped the cargo will be ſaved.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

FRIDAY, *April* 7.

MR DUNDAS's INDIA BILL.

THE order of the day being read for the third reading of the India bill,

Lord *Stormont* roſe and expreſſed his ſatisfaction, at finding ſome of the amendments which he had ſuggeſted had been adopted, although they were made at the time the bill was in the Committee. But, however, there was one amendment which he thought more neceſſary than thoſe which had been made, he was very ſorry to find, was not adopted. The amendment to which he alluded was, reſpecting the ſuffering the Commander in Chief ſtill to retain his right of a ſeat in the Council.

The bill was then read a third time.

CIVIL LIST.

Lord *Stormont* then roſe again, and apologized for ſpeaking on a ſubject which had a reference to a noble Lord, as he was abſent. He, however, had only to acknowledge to their Lordſhips, that what he had ſtated on a former day reſpecting the expenditure of 3000 l. for an embaſſy to the Hague, was not included in the eſtimate of the civil liſt; that he gave this circumſtance not from any particular paper, but from general information. But ſince the noble Marquis (the Marquis of Lanſdown) had left his office at the Treaſury, he had really found there a ſtatement of the civil liſt, in which the expenditure was not inſerted. He had, therefore, very naturally to conclude, it was not in the eſtimate that was now before the Houſe.

The *Lord Chancellor* roſe and ſtated, that he readily conceived that neither of the noble Lords (the Marquis of Lanſdown and Lord Stormont) had been guilty of miſrepreſenting any circumſtance in this tranſaction; each of them had given their opinion of the facts as it had appeared to them. But with regard to this paper being found in the Treaſury, after the noble Marquis had quitted his office there, it did not appear to him, notwithſtanding, an authentic ſtatement. It might have been one that was afterwards amended and corrected. Adjourned to Monday.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

THURSDAY, *April* 6.

REVENUE.

Mr *Sheridan* gave notice, that he would, on Wedneſday next, ſubmit to the Houſe a propoſition concerning the revenue. He then moved, that there ſhould be laid before the Houſe a more correct plan of the civil liſt eſtabliſhment, and payments thereof, drawn out in different claſſes, and arranged under diſtinct heads.

The *Chancellor of the Exchequer* thought that the Hon. Gentleman was not *correct* in his motion, as the ſeveral officers under Government would certainly give in as correct eſtimates as poſſible.

Mr *Sheridan* ſaid, that laſt year, when he made a ſimilar motion, an *incorrect* liſt had been preſented; he therefore moved for a *correct* one.

The motion was agreed to.

SURPLUS.

A motion was made that the Surplus Bill be read a ſecond time.

Mr *Huſſey* ſaid, that by comparing the expenditure of the revenue in the years 1784 and 1785, contained in the report of the Committee, he was perſuaded there could be no ſurplus. The Right Hon. Gentleman, he ſaid, had ſatisfied him by engaging that this ſurplus ſhould be made good without any new burthens; but there were ſome things that made him doubt this; and particularly, he ſaid, that ſome of the objects mentioned by the Committee, as being a proviſion for this, were very improper. He muſt take notice of that which they mentioned, of applying the unclaimed dividends for that purpoſe. The public certainly had not a right to theſe; there could be no doubt of there being owners to theſe dividends, and they ought to be enquired after, before their property was appropriated to any particular purpoſe. If a ſum, he ſaid, of 3,500,000 l. is to be provided for, let it be fairly and openly provided for. The Sinking Fund is of ſo much importance, that nothing ought to be left doubtful about its certainty. Let it be met then with ſpirit, and let means be found to anſwer this ſum. According to the opinion of a celebrated author, who had been quoted ſome time ago, (Mr Neckar) the great advantage that was poſſeſſed by this nation over the French, was the publicity of our meaſures, that every thing was known, and the foundation on which it ſtood clearly ſeen. If then it was wiſe and prudent to ſet aſide a million annually, let wharever was an incumbrance be provided for only, and not left doubtful. On the whole, he ſaid, that he agreed to the principle, but thought the public would not find the advantages they expected from it.

Sir *Grey Cooper* went on the ſame ground. He approved of the principle, but thought the miniſter was premature, and that his calculations were not well founded; and that there was not any foundation for believing that this new ſinking fund would be laſting or effectual.

Mr *Grenville* ſaid, that he was ſatisfied that it was impoſſible any thing could be entirely free from error; but that he was perſuaded, that as far as a matter of that kind could be aſcertained, he thought there was every proſpect of its being well eſtabliſhed, and on a permanent foundation.

Mr *Burke* ſupported Mr Grenville, and ſhewed that the additions in part of the revenue were conſiderable, particularly with regard to tea.

Mr *Fox* next roſe; he was not going to urge any thing againſt the ſecond reading of the bill; on the contrary he was a friend to its principle, and he wiſhed it might paſs this year. But he thought he ought not to ſuffer it to go through the ſecond reading, without making ſome remarks upon it. In the firſt place, he did not believe that there really was an efficient ſurplus of one million that could be applied this year to the redemption of the national debt; and his reaſon for thinking ſo was, that the probability of the future exiſtence of ſuch a ſurplus, was founded on a compariſon of the produce of the taxes this year, with the probable expenditure; not of this year, but of the year 1790. And if the compariſon was to be between the revenue and expenditure of the preſent year, not only there would not be a ſurplus of a million, but in fact there would not be any ſurplus at all. However, he ſtill wiſhed that the bill ſhould paſs; and ſo great a friend was he to the idea of redeeming the national debt, and conſequently of creating a ſinking fund, that he thought Parliament ought to ſet about it this year; and if the ſurplus, ſhould there be any, was ever ſo ſmall, he was of opinion, that the plan of redemption ought to go on. But he would not reſt ſatisfied with appropriating merely whatever little ſurplus might accrue; he would provide a million fund to carry into effect the proviſions of the bill. But theſe proviſions did not at all meet his approbation. That by which the fund was to be made unalienable in time of war; this was calling upon poſterity to do, what poſterity would perhaps find it improper to do, to keep one million locked up, and when the neceſſities of the ſtate might be ſo urgent as to call for an immediate ſupply. As to the calculations of the Chancellor of the Exchequer, he would have an opportunity of taking them into conſideration on Wedneſday, when the propoſed motion of his Hon. friend (Mr Sheridan) would bring the buſineſs of finance before the Houſe. He would therefore reſerve himſelf for that opportunity, when he would ſhew that the plan of redemption, opened by the Right Hon. Gentleman, was not the beſt that might have been deviſed for that purpoſe.

The *Chancellor of the Exchequer* expreſſed ſurpriſe that the Hon. Gentleman, who had aſſerted on a former occaſion, that he was in a perfect ſtate of preparation to give his opinions on the plan propoſed, ſhould wiſh to poſtpone favouring the Houſe with his ſentiments reſpecting it to a remote period. He would not, however, as he had already declared, enter into any diſcuſſion of what had fallen from him on the preſent occaſion; but when the matter came formally to trial, he would aſſuredly meet him, and he would prove that his aſſertions which he had now made, were as unfounded as any which he had hitherto made on the ſubject.

Mr *Sheridan* vindicated his Hon. Friend, and declared, that he ſtill perſiſted in his intention of moving a ſtring of reſolutions, founded on principles which he conſidered as ſolid, and which were in direct oppoſition to the Right Hon. Gentleman's plan, with regard to which the public opinion was well known, and could eaſily be judged by looking at the ſtate of the national credit, no material change having taken place in the ſtocks ſince his ſcheme had been made public.

Mr *Grenville* ſaid, that this circumſtance did not make againſt his Right Hon. Friend's plan, as the previous riſe of ſtocks might, in a great meaſure, be attributed to it.

Mr *Dempſter* wiſhed the ſcheme propoſed might be rendered effectual; but he thought there was great riſk by its being, on particular emergencies, rendered alienable; and that the very circumſtance of projecting it at a period when ſuch revolutions had taken place relative to the objects of the ſinking Fund, augured nothing favourable to its premanent exiſtence.

Mr *Drake* paid ſome compliments to Mr Dempſter.

The motion was then put and agreed to.

It was then moved, that the bill be committed on Monday, which was alſo agreed to.

Went into a committee on the Severn Navigation Bill. Adjourned.

FRIDAY, *April* 7.

The Speaker having complained that he was indiſpoſed, the orders of the day were poſtponed, and the private buſineſs being gone through,

Mr *Powys* ſaid, he had waited with patient anxiety for the Quebec bill. He evidently now foreſaw it could not be overtaken before the holidays. And if the Right Hon. Gentleman would pledge himſelf that it ſhould be brought on ſoon after, he, for his part, ſhould not urge it now.

The *Chancellor of the Exchequer* hoped the Hon. Gentleman would ſee, from the complexion of the buſineſs which had occupied the ſeſſion hitherto, that no time had been loſt. He knew nothing to prevent the meaſure's coming forward in due time after the holidays, and truſted the Hon. Gentleman would in that reſpect, at leaſt, not be diſappointed.

Mr *Powys* acquieſced, and the Houſe adjourned.

FROM THE LONDON PAPERS, *April* 8.

Vienna, March 22. The very gracious manner in which the Emperor received the Comte de Podewil has furniſhed freſh matter of conjecture for our politicians, and if we may credit them, that Ambaſſador has brought his Imperial Majeſty the moſt poſitive aſſurances of the inclination of the King his Maſter to co-operate efficaciouſly in the election of a King of the Romans in favour of his Royal Highneſs the Archduke Francois, Grand Duke of Tuſcany. They add, that in return the King of Pruſſia requires this Court to obſerve the moſt ſcrupulous neutrality, if in caſe the Dutch perſiſting in their refuſal to come to an amicable arrangement in the affairs of the Prince Stadtholder, the King ſhould find it neceſſary to oblige them to it. The above requeſt is looked upon here as a maſter-ſtroke of politicks. Whatever may be the fact as to the above, it is certain that the tranquillity of Europe depends upon the good intelligence between the king of Pruſſia and our Sovereign.

Frankfort, March 15. Letters from Dreſden adviſe, that the Elector hath appointed the Comte de Salmour and the Comte de Redern, to go and reſide in quality of his Miniſters Plenipotentiaries, the former at Paris, and the latter at Madrid.

The ſhocks of an earthquake which were felt at the end of laſt month in Moravia, extended to many other places. On the 27th, at four o'clock in the morning, three violent ſhocks were felt at Freudenthal, Ratiſbon, Neiſs, Oppein, Neuſtadt, and Grotkau. Freudenthal and Neiſs ſuffered moſt: Many houſes were damaged. The ſubterraneous commotion began in the Carpathian mountains, and extended through Moravia, the principalities of Neiſs and Glatz, as far as the mountains called Eieſenbirge. The moſt violent ſhocks appeared to have taken place at Soran, Loſkon, Oppeln, and Frankenſtein. A number of houſes have been ſhattered. A little river at Atheide, a mile behind Glatz, ſuddenly overflowed its banks, and the neighbouring inhabitants were obliged to quit their houſes. An hour after, the river returned to its bed.

Cologne, March 31. At the moment the poſt was departing, we received news that a great monarch was ſo dangerouſly ill, that his recovery was ſcarcely expected.

Paris, March 26. The Sieur Vilette, whom Madame d'Oliva, in her memorial, accuſes as the principal in the famous affair of the necklace, has been apprehended at Geneva, and ſurrendered on application from the Court of France. The capture of this offender will doubtleſs prove the means of juſtifying the Cardinal to all Europe. He was unqueſtionably the writer of the ſignature of the auguſt Marie Antoinette of France, whereby the unfortunate Cardinal was deceived. The father Mimine, a party in this myſterious tranſaction, not only acknowledges that he wrote the ſignature, but alſo the letters of Madame Courville to the Baron Fages.

The Patriot, a new 74 gun ſhip, is arming at Breſt; ſhe is to be the flag ſhip of a ſquadron of evolution, compoſed of 21 other veſſels of the line, frigates, and cutters, which will put to ſea as ſoon as the ſeaſon permits. The Proſerpine frigate is arming, being deſtined for the Eaſt Indies.

Paris, March 31. On the 16th of this month, at a quarter after ten o'clock in the morning, the wind being at north and very violent, a fire broke out in the village of Tenelles, near Ribemont and Origny-Sainte-Benoit; and in leſs than three quarters of an hour, out of 160 houſes of which it conſiſted, only five remained; among which was one ſingle farmer's; all the reſt having been reduced to aſhes. By this terrible diſaſter the loſs is computed at near 500,000 livres, and about 650 perſons remain without habitations, food, or the means of procuring any. Fourteen farmers are reduced to the laſt extremity, and without nouriſhment for their cattle.

LONDON, *April* 8.

On Wedneſday noon an American gentleman ſet off from Mr Adams, the American Ambaſſador's houſe in Groſvenor-ſquare, for Falmouth, to embark on board the packet for New-York, whither he is charged with diſpatches from the Plenipotentiary to Congreſs.

The Biſhop of Oſnaburgh is about to marry a Princeſs of the Houſe of Brandenbourg; but no other real matrimonial alliances, in which our Royal Family are concerned, ſeem at all certifiable or probable.

A certain Great Perſonage has invented and wears a moſt beautiful ſhirt-pin, ornamented with brilliants, in which the figure of Venus is holding a myrtle wreath inveſted with the following hieroglyphic inſcription:—*M. E.* after which follow the two muſical notes *la* and *ſi*, ſucceeded with the letters *L. M.* the explanation in French—*Aime-ez la ſi elle aime*, and its interpretation in Engliſh, *Love her if ſhe loves you.*—By this invention every letter of the French alphabet, intermixed with thoſe notes which convey the ſound of a word, form a mode of correſpondence as ingenious as novel, and in which the above Perſonage writes to his private friends with ſurprizing facility.

Colonel Roſs is appointed by Lord Cornwallis to be his principal Secretary: and Meſſrs. Madan and Alden are to go to India with his Lordſhip.

The National Debt bill ſtands committed for Monday next in the Houſe of Commons, and although the whole houſe approves of the principle, yet there is great difference of opinion as to the certainty of the means of accomplithing the object.

The Turbot Fiſhing bill is expected to cauſe a long debate on Monday next, Mr Bamber Gaſcoigne having pledged himſelf to oppoſe it.

The Emperor's ſiſter, Governeſs of the Auſtrian Netherlands, and ſuite, are expected at Bruſſels in a few days. All thoughts of the exchange of that country for Bavaria is given up for the preſent.

There is a letter in town from Amſterdam, which ſays, "A very extraordinary diſcovery has lately been made of ſome French negociations in the pecuniary ſtyle, which have evidently influenced all our counſels for the laſt four years.——The parties have been long ſuſpected."—*Morning Poſt.*

According to the lateſt advices from Amſterdam, it is now fully apparent, that the late war had ſhook the credit of Holland to its very centre. The Eaſt India Company at Amſterdam, notwithſtanding the aſſiſtance afforded them by the States-General, have not re-eſtabliſhed themſelves; as a proof of which, five ſhips, which had been fitting for ſeveral months, remain at Amſterdam without a ſingle package on board. Their Weſt India Company are but in little better plight. Theſe, and their internal diſputes, make Holland but an indifferent ſituation.

A number of new Guineas and Half-Guineas, from dies of the preſent year, have been ſent this week to the bank from the Tower, and yeſterday ſome of them were iſſued into circulation.

The celebrated Counteſs Genlis has lately experienced a favourable turn of fortune by the death of a very diſtant relation, who has bequeathed her an annual income of three thouſand pounds, and nearly 15,000 l. in ready caſh and ſecurities.

On Monday, Lord John Ruſſel, brother to the Duke of Bedford, and his new-married Lady, (daughter of Lord Torrington) arrived at Streatham in Surrey, from Bruſſels.

Lord Grantham was much better yeſterday, and is in a promiſing ſtate of recovery.

The preſent *toniſh* ear-rings are about two inches long, and of mother-of-pearl, firſt introduced by the beautiful *Nell Gwynne.*

The following is the State of the Ordinary of the Navy, as made up at the ſeveral Ports, and laid before the Admiralty Board, to the firſt of the preſent month:—

In the River. One ſhip of the line, one of 50 guns, thirty-nine frigates, and fourteen ſloops.

Sheerneſs. Seven ſhips of the line, one of 50 guns, eleven frigates, and twelve ſloops or cutters.

At Chatham. Twenty-four ſhips of the line, four of 50 guns, eighteen frigates, and eight ſloops.

At Portſmouth. Forty-eight ſhips of the line, three of 50 guns, twenty-ſix frigates, and eight ſloops.

At Plymouth. Thirty-two ſhips of the line, two of 50 guns, twelve frigates, and eight ſloops.

In all one hundred and twelve ſail of the line, eleven of 50 guns, one hundred and ſix frigates, and fifty ſloops, of which number this report makes it appear, that there are fit for ſervice ſixty-three ſhips of the line, five of 50 guns, ſixty frigates, and thirty-four ſloops; and there are under repair fifteen ſhips of the line, two of 50 guns, and eleven others. The ſhips building are not in this account of the ordinary, none being included but ſuch as are afloat and at moorings.

The Expedition of 44 guns, Pegaſus of 28, and ſeven or eight other frigates and ſloops, having lately been put in commiſſion, has reduced the ordinary ſince the return on the firſt of laſt month.

A letter from Peterſburgh, of the 8th ult. hath the following paſſage, concerning the long-talked-of voyage of the Empreſs to Cherſon:—"The intended trip to Cherſon is not to take place till next year. Her Majeſty will leave this city in February 1787, ſo as to return here before the ſultry heat, prevailing in that diſtrict during the ſummer, renders her ſtay there diſagreeable, if not unwholeſome. That the voyage ſeems put off *ſine die* is the moſt credited opinion. There are, it ſeems, ſuch material events now forming in the womb of hoary time, as to make it neceſſary for the Empreſs to remain where ſhe is at preſent, and for the Emperor not to leave Vienna. It is aſſerted, that no ſtone has been left unturned to have the voyage in queſtion ſettled for ſome time within the courſe of the preſent year; but every endeavour to that purpoſe hath been defeated by ſeveral unforeſeen accidents, of which number the deſertion of the Tartars, in the vicinity of Mount Caucaſus, is not aſſigned as the leaſt."

On Saturday laſt, an Innkeeper at O——, was detected in bed with his own daughter, in the houſe of her huſband, who is an Attorney of that place:

The husband, having long suspected him from many strong circumstances, was determined, if possible, to convict him in the fact—he having information (by a watch-maker who lives next door to the husband) that his wife and her father was just then gone up stairs together; he accordingly took a person with him, and went up to the room door he suspected they were in, when on trying the door, he found it locked, which he burst open, and found them together in the bed—the father rhen jumping from the bed, swore he would murder the husband, but, on seeing the husband determined to secure him, he made his escape by jumping out of a one pair of stairs window, and ran to his own stables, where he concealed himself under the manger where his stage horse stand. What adds to the infamy of the father is, that another daughter of his, not more than fifteen years of age, was not long since delivered of a child, of which he was strongly suspected of being the father. Articles of peace are exhibited against the father by the son, for swearing he would be his death, and he is now in the care of the keeper of Oxford castle.

As a number of vagrants and beggars are daily encreasing, a correspondent recommends a mode similar to that practised by a Mayor of Honiton some years ago. As soon as a beggar had publicly asked alms, the Magistrate ordered him to be *shaved*, and his hair *dressed* by a barber, who had a contract for that purpose. The consequence was, that in the jurisdiction of Honiton, a beggar was seldom seen.

PRICE OF STOCKS, APRIL 8.

Bank Stock, 136 a ¼ ex div.	Ditto 1778, 13 5-16ths a ⅜.
3 per cent. Ann. 104½ a ¼ a ⅜.	South Sea Stock, —
4 per cent. Ann. 1777, 87 ex div.	3 per cent. Old. Ann. —
3 per cent. con. 69 a 68¾ a 69¼.	Ditto New Ann. —
3 per cent. red. 68¼ a ¼ ex div.	Ditto 1751, —
3 per cent. 1726, shut.	India Stock, shut.
Long Ann. 20⅞ a 11-16ths.	3 per cent. Ann. —
	India Bonds paid, —
	Ditto unpaid, 45 prem.
	Navy Bills, —
	Exch. Bills, —

WIND AT DEAL, APRIL 7. E. N. E.

EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, April 8.

"At present we have but little else talked of, except the Minister's *bum-bug*, in making the people believe, that there was a million of money *lying* in the Exchequer towards the discharge of the national debt; whereas it now appears, that it *is* to be made up of 900,000 l. which *is* to be a surplus at the end of the year, and 100,000 l. to be raised by new taxes. A conduct so gross is impossible to escape detection; but all the world is now convinced, that Mr P— is not the Minister, but the mere puppet of a junto, whose operations, in a certain quarter, have of late been pretty conspicuous.

"Mr Burke has at length brought forward his charges against Mr Hastings, not but that the fate of them is very easily foreseen, though the opinion of the public, within these few days, respecting that great oriental character, has very much altered against him.

"Immediately after this matter shall have been disposed of, Mr Fox means to bring forward some motion respecting the German League, into which his Majesty has entered as Elector of Hanover, that will probably cause a more violent debate than any we have seen in the course of the present session."

On Thursday last, the 6th current, was married at the house of Alexander Hamilton, Esq; of Grange, in the county of Ayr, Edward Maccormick, Esq; Advocate, to Miss Hamilton.

On Wednesday the 5th current, was married, John Innes, Esq; to Miss Skae of Edinburgh.

Mrs Hope died at her house in Inveresk on Sunday last.

George Ross, Esq; of Cromarty, member of Parliament for the Orkney boroughs, died at London the 7th current.

We hear, that the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury have appointed John Thomson and Adam Pearson, Esquires, Joint Secretaries of Excise for Scotland.

As the bill for the relief of the poor of the city of Edinburgh, for extending the royalty of the city over a certain part of the land of Broughton, and for other purposes mentioned in the bill, received a first reading in the House of Commons on Thursday last, and is expected to be read a second time to-morrow, a correspondent thinks it would add much to the honour of the Magistrates, were they to indulge the inhabitants, instead of precipitately carrying it through the House, with a perusal of the bill itself, as they very properly and candidly did with the heads of the bill. Our correspondent adds, that this appears the more necessary, from the chance there is of many very material alterations being made since the inhabitants had an opportunity of seeing it in its original shape, as is the case with most bills brought into Parliament by the Magistrates of royal boroughs for the purpose of taxing their constituents, who are often surprised at clauses being introduced, and others omitted or explained away in the act, totally different from what they had reason to expect.

On Tuesday, in the House of Lords, the important appeal, in which Alexander Gordon, Esq; of Culvennan was appellant, and John Tait, Esq; trustee for certain partners of Douglas, Heron, and Co. respondent, was withdrawn, the same having been compromised by the parties, in consequence of the recommendation from the Lord Chancellor, formerly mentioned. Counsel for the appellant, Mr Solicitor-General Macdonald, and Mr Grant; Solicitor, Mr Chalmer: For the respondent, Lord Advocate and Mr Wight; Solicitor, Mr Spottiswood.

On Wednesday and Thursday, counsel were heard in the House of Lords, on the appeal in which the trustees of General Fraser of Lovat were appellants, and William Hall, Esq; of Whitehall, respondent. The Lord Advocate and Mr Grant were heard for the appellants, when, without hearing the counsel for the respondent, the Lord Chancellor moved, that the interlocutors of the Court of Session complained of, be *affirmed*. Ordered accordingly.

Last month, a fire broke out in the house of Captain Smith, in Stromness, which did a great deal of damage. There were eight children in the house, who narrowly escaped with their lives. Unhappily the servant-maid lost her life by jumping out of a window to escape from the flames.

We hear from Borrowstounness, that a family has lately arrived there from America, where they had emigrated, in expectation of going to a land of plenty, ease, and happiness; in place of which, so very different a reception did they meet with, that they were glad to get out of the country again, after having expended a great part of their substance, and return to the place of their nativity, which, though it cannot be called the land of Canaan, yet it is a place where some comfort and happiness may be found by such as are, by the practice of industry and virtue, entitled to the enjoyment of these blessings.

It must give a heartfelt satisfaction to the true friends of this country, to be informed, that on Tuesday last, at the assizes of Lancaster, Robert Harper, who was some time ago committed from Liverpool, was fully and clearly convicted of the offence of having in custody Cotton Machines, with intent to export them to the Emperor's dominions. The judgment is, the forfeiture of the Machinery, twelve months imprisonment, and a penalty of 200l. and imprisonment until such penalty is paid.

On Tuesday last the Presbytery of Dumfries appointed a call to be moderate on the 27th curt. for Mr James Heron, Minister at Witherington, Northumberland, to be helper and successor to the Rev. Mr William Clark, Minister at Kirkgunzion.

On Saturday and Monday last the four troops of the 4th regiment of dragoons, quartered at Dumfries, marched hence for Manchester. The regularity and good order of the officers and privates in this regiment deserve the highest commendations.

On Tuesday evening last there were lodged in the Custom-house Dumfries, about ten thousand pounds weight of tobacco, which was seized the day preceding by the officers of the customs there, assisted by a party of the 4th regiment of dragoons, at and in the neighbourhood of Langholm.

A few days ago, a sharper went into the house of a gardener at Coltbridge, on pretence of disposing of some whiskey. The woman of the house not having occasion for any at that time, he called for a bottle of porter; and she having imprudently left her pocket in the room with four guinea notes in it, the sharper picked up the pocket with the notes, and got clear off.

In the Irish House of Commons, on the first of April, Mr *Corry*, in a long speech, pointed out the right of Ireland to trade to the East Indies; and made a motion to appoint a Committee to take into consideration the advantages that would arise from a direct trade to the East Indies. The *Chancellor of the Exchequer* said, that if Ireland had such a right, the use of it would ruin that country. Every foreign Company that had entered into a competition with England, had been ruined. Sir *Hercules Langrishe* admitted, the Irish had a right to trade beyond the Cape of Good Hope; but with whom were they to trade? The English East India Company would not admit them into their settlements. They might, indeed, trade with Hyder Ally, the Great Mogul, or open a trade with the deserts of Arabia.—The motion was then negatived without a division.

SOUND INTELLIGENCE.

Extract of a letter from Elsinore, March 25.

"Referring to our's of the 14th, we have by the present to advise, that yesterday we got an agreeable thaw, which still continues, and we hope will bring this long and severe winter to a period. The frost, however, has been so intense for some time bygone, and the ice so exceedingly thick, that a fortnight will not dissolve it, unless broke up by a storm of wind and rain.

"Our last advices from Memel was the 7th inst. when they say the winter was so severe that they had no hopes of open water before middle or end of April. WOOD AND HOWDEN."

Extract of a letter from Jedburgh, April 11.

"The Circuit Court of Justiciary was opened here yesterday by the Right Honourable Lord Braxfield; and there being no criminal business, the Court was adjourned till this day, and then till Thursday morning, when it proceeds to Dumfries."

To-morrow, at Seven o'Clock in the evening, being Thursday the 13th of April inst. MR CLARKE'S LECTURE on the SOLAR SYSTEM, and the PRINCIPLES of ASTRONOMY, which has given the highest satisfaction to the Nobility, Gentry, and others, in more than half the great towns in Great Britain, will be delivered in the Cordwainer's hall, opposite the College Gate.

Admittance One Shilling and Sixpence.

Besides the above interesting Lecture, a representation of the Transit of Mercury, as it will appear on Thursday the 4th of May, will be shown on a new invented machine.

FOR THE CALEDONIAN MERCURY.

To the PEOPLE of SCOTLAND.

THE dangerous and pernicious measure of infringing (without our consent) the articles of the Union, by diminishing the number of the Lords of Session, being now defeated, we have had an animating proof how much a steady spirit of resistance to *wrong* will avail; let us go a little farther, and try what an earnest application for *right* will produce.

An *augmentation of the salaries* of our Judges is still in view, and I have declared myself satisfied that their dignity requires it; but surely it is *proper*, it is *fair*, that the *people*, by whom that augmentation must be paid, should at the same time obtain the advantage of having causes decided more expeditiously, and at less expence, by the *restoration* of our ancient mode of TRIAL by JURY in civil questions. I can now speak to you with more earnestness upon it, having had more opportunities of being convinced of its excellence, by attending upon my profession of the law in a wider sphere, in a country which enjoys that privilege. I will venture to say, that, in the course of the present Lent Assizes, I have witnessed the complete determination of as much business as would have lasted for years in the Court of Session, notwithstanding all the abilities and assiduity of the Judges; and surely *truth* is better discovered from the *appearance* of witnesses, than from their *words only*, through the medium of a commission.

What I would humbly recommend, then, is, that in your counties and boroughs you should *instantly* apply to Parliament by *petition*, praying that a trial, in civil questions, by Jury, should be granted to Scotland, upon which condition alone you are willing to submit to heavier burdens, in order to augment the salaries of the Judges.

Petitions, I can assure you, are the only means by which you can be effectually heard; and I trust you will not lose this opportunity of obtaining, or rather recovering, an inestimable privilege; for, depend upon it, the benefit of the *people* is seldom so sure of attention, as when it is coupled with some favourite object of men in power.

I remain,

Your very faithful, humble servant,

Lancaster, April 6. 1786. JAMES BOSWELL.

To the Printer of the Caledonian Mercury.

SIR,

AMONGST all the different improvements about the metropolis of Scotland, and the due praise which our chief Magistrate is entitled to, in my humble opinion, for his spirited and disinterested conduct, there is one thing which, I think, escaped his observation when in Parliament, and which, though trifling to Government, yet to individuals in a middling rank of life in this city is of considerable importance. What I mean is the additional tax on Coaches and Post Chaises in the environs of Edinburgh. You cannot take a Hackney Coach even to Leith without paying 2 d. of duty. A sick person, or one who is ordered an airing, cannot now procure it under 5 s. or 6 s. which formerly could have been obtained for 2 s. or 2 s. 6 d. owing to the high duty of 6 d. per mile. I am told that no such duty is exacted for six miles round London. Why should the metropolis of Scotland be on a different footing? I have no doubt if this was mentioned in Parliament, it would at once procure us relief; and there cannot be a better opportunity than at present, when the city is applying for a new bill with regard to the improvement of the town.

Yours, &c. Z.

To the Printer of the Caledonian Mercury.

SIR,

AS I was going along the High Street, the other day, two papers were put into my hand. When I came to my own house, curiosity tempted me to read them, when I found they were intended to give notice, that two female figures were lately arrived in town, which possessed the wonderful power of asking and answering a variety of questions. The thought contained in the following lines immediately struck me, which I shall thank you to transmit to your readers. I am, Sir,

Your old correspondent, DAMON.

SOME artists of late were engag'd in a plan,
To contrive a Machine which should speak;
For which noble purpose they fashion'd a *Man*,
But his organs they found were too weak.

They then form'd a *Woman*, without more delay,
And were pleas'd with the sweet little slut;
For scarce had they order'd the form of the clay,
But she answer'd each question they put.

FOR THE CALEDONIAN MERCURY.

DISPUTATIO DE CAUDIS.

"Definat in *feram* mulier formosa superne;
"Spectatum admissi, risum teneatis, amici?"
Hor.

"YOU all have rumps and tails," Dick cried,
"Like badgers, mules, and asses."
Th' assertion's groundless, I replied,
And all belief surpasses.

But to the cottage we repair,
Instead of more disputing;
To view the swains, to view the fair,
And fix it past refuting.

In shape the swains were no ways fine,
Yet still they all were *human*;
The nymphs, perhaps, were not divine,
Yet nothing less than *woman*.

But now the City claims our care,
And sure the palm is mine;
Maria see! in shape, in air,
In every step divine.

For outward grace far is she fam'd,
More graceful still her mind;
"Ah, God'less!" Dick had nigh exclaim'd,
But spied the Rump behind. B.

MEMBERS *to the ensuing* GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Presbytery of Dundee.—Mr James Scott, Auchterhouse; Mr Thomas Constable, Lisi; and Mr James Adamson, Abernyte, Ministers:—Mr George Imlach, writer in Edinburgh, Elder.

Presbytery of Dumfries.—Dr David Lamont, Mr William M'Morine, and Mr James Laurie, Ministers:—Alexander Gordon, Esq; of Culvennan, Elder.

Council of Dumfries.—Mr John Aitken, their Chamberlain.

Presbytery of Fordyce.—Rev. Mr Walter Chalmers, Deskford; Rev. Mr Alexander Milne, Boyndie, Ministers:—Mr John Robertson, writer in Edinburgh, Elder.

ARRIVED AT GREENOCK, April 8. William and Mary, Dodd, from Jamaica, with sugar and rum.

SAILED, April 1. Eagle, Blain, for New-York, with goods; Jeanie, Martin, for Charlestown, with ditto.—3. William, Gray, for Belfast, with ditto; Dumbuck, Black, for Ballyshannon, with ditto.—4. Sisters, Lusk, for Newfoundland, with ditto; Mary and Jean, Bog, for Wilmington, with ditto; Fame, Lindsay, for Drontheim, with tobacco, &c.—5. Alexander, Raside, for Jamaica, with goods; Mary, Lusk, for Pasmaquady, with goods; Katty, M'Robb, for North Carolina, in ballast.—6. Glasgow, Slater, for Kendal, with goods; Friends, Morrison, for Memel, in ballast.

ARRIVED AT LEITH, April 10. Robert, Allan, from Ballahoulish, with slates; Providence, Ross, from Glasgow with goods—11. Two Partners, Kemp, from ——, in ballast; Robert and Masdry, Flatt, from Orkney, with goods; Diligence, Galloway, from Alloa, with bricks. And three sloops with coals.

SAILED, Lovely Mary, Gardner, for London, with goods; Three Friends, Crear, for Inverness, with ditto; Katharine and Isobel, Lyell, for Perth, with ditto; William and Jean, Holmes, for Kennet, with grain; Lerwick, Ross, for Shetland, with goods; Susan and Jean Clark, for Perth, with goods; Betsy and Peggy, Robertson, for Berwick, with ditto; Hoop, Cormick, for Wick, with ditto.

TO be SOLD by public auction, within the Warehouses of ALLAN, STEUART, and COMPANY, Leith, upon Tuesday the 25th current, at eleven o'clock forenoon,

3000 Libs. of CAROLINA INDIGO, in lots of 100 to 400 lbs. weight.

200 Barrels AMERICAN POT ASHES, in lots of two barrels or upwards, as the exposers may see meet.

There will likewise be exposed several tons of DANTZIC PEARL ASHES.

N. B. The American Pot Ashes are all of the first quality, rarely to be met with, and merit the attention of every manufacturer in the bleaching and soap branches.

The goods may be seen, and catalogues had on the day preceding, and on the morning of the day of sale.

Russia, Scots, and Irish Linens.

FORRESTERS AND COMPANY, at the Russia Warehouse, within the Exchange, Edinburgh, having, for several years past, dealt considerably in Russia Linens; and finding, in the course of their business, frequent demands for Scots and Irish Linens, have now added to their stock of the former a complete Assortment of the two latter, consisting of WHITE LINENS, SHEETINGS, DIAPERS, TABLE-LINEN, &c. and as they have their goods from the most eminent manufacturers, the public may depend on being served on the lowest terms, wholesale and retail.

☞ They have on hand a few casks of excellent DANTZIG HONEY, from 3s. 6d. to 4s. 9d. per pint. Also, Fine Old RUSSIA SOAP, at 8d. per lib.

Perthshire Hunt.

THERE is to be a MEETING of the PERTHSHIRE HUNT held at Marshall's, at the King's Arms, Perth, on Saturday the 29th day of April current, at ten o'clock forenoon, when it is intreated the members will attend. And these who cannot be present will be pleased to empower some person to act for them.

N. B. A Subscription Paper for the Hunt is lying at the Sheriff-Clerk's Office, Perth, for receiving the Subscript of such Gentlemen in the county as have not already subscribed.

ALL the Roads of the Queensferry or Cramond District to be LET either in whole or seperate Lots, for the purpose of Repairing or upholding.

Sealed proposals for said undertaking, per statute English mile, to be delivered to Mr James Richmond, surveyor to said district, betwixt and the first week in June next, who will inform as to particulars, and the different branches of the Roads.

ROSS-SHIRE.

THE Sheriff-depute hereby acquaints the Commissioners of Supply for said shire, That the Annual General Meeting for assessing the land-tax, holds this year at Tain, on Monday the first of May; and that the Committee appointed by last General Meeting, for examining the accompts of the Collector of the land-tax, of the Clerk of Police, and of the different superintendants of roads in the several districts of the county, are to meet in the same place on Saturday the 29th current.

The Sheriff has to present to the General Meeting an application from the Magistrates and Council of Inverness, for aid to erect a New Jail and Court-House in that burgh, for the better accommodation of the Circuit Courts of Justiciary in that place.

Meeting of Creditors.

By authority of Thomas Mylne of Milnfield, and James Morison of Naughton, Esqrs; and Mr James Small merchant in Dundee, Trustees for the Creditors of the deceased James Menzies of Invergowrie, Mrs Margaret Clayhills his spouse, and Captain James Clayhills their son, and of a creditor of the said James Menzies, to the extent of 500 l. Sterling and upwards.

A General Meeting of the Creditors of the said JAMES MENZIES, Mrs MARGARET CLAYHILLS, and Captain JAMES CLAYHILLS, is to be held in Mrs Elliot's Coffeehouse in Dundee, on Wednesday the third day of May next, at twelve o'clock noon. Of which all concerned are hereby desired to take notice.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of GAVIN KEMPT and COMPANY, Merchants in Leith, as a company; and to the Creditors of the individual Partners of that Company.

THAT at a meeting of the above Creditors, held within the Exchange Coffeehouse of Edinburgh, on the 12th of April current, in consequence of an order from Lord Swinton, Ordinary on the bills, for the purpose of fixing a day for the Creditors to meet, and chuse a trustee or factor, *it was resolved*, That a general meeting of the Creditors should be held within the Exchange Coffeehouse here on Thursday the 9th day of May next, at one o'clock, for the purpose of chusing a trustee or factor, and that in place of Thursday the 27th current, which was formerly fixed on as the day of meeting.

Of which this public intimation is made.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of GEORGE LUMSDEN, Merchant in Falkland.

THAT upon the 11th day of April current, the Lord Rockville, Ordinary on the bills, awarded a sequestration of the said George Lumsden's real and personal estate, and appointed his creditors to meet on Friday the 21st current, at ten o'clock before noon, in the house of Mr Sutherland vintner in Falkland, in order to chuse an interim-factor; and granted commission to the sheriff-depute of Fife or his substitutes, to attend the meeting, and receive the creditors grounds of debt, and oaths to the verity thereof.

Of which sequestration and appointment, this intimation is given in terms of the statute.

TO be SOLD by public roup, or auction, within the Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Tuesday the 4th day of July 1786, betwixt the hours of six and seven afternoon,

These Parts of the Estate of MIDDLEBIE, in the parish of Middlebie, and county of Dumfries, viz. Darglawhill, Scotsbridge, Pottstown, Walls, Peatknows, Middlebie Mill, and two Farms called *the East and West Commons*.

These lands, containing altogether 1030 acres, or thereabouts, situated in a pleasant part of the country, are of an excellent soil, and capable of great improvement, of which they have the means within themselves; for, within these few months, a valuable lime quarry has been discovered in the grounds, which may be wrought by the proprietor, upon payment of surface damages, that right having been reserved in the lease. And there is great reason to believe, that coal may be found in the lands.

The present free rent, payable by good tenants, on current tacks, is about 270 l. Sterling. The whole houses and offices on the different farms have, at very great expence, been lately rebuilt or repaired.

The estate was surveyed by a gentleman of great skill the year 1776, and was then valued by him at 9649 l. ling; but, for the encouragement of purchasers, it will be exposed at 6300 l.

The rent-roll, current leases, conditions of roup, progress of writs will be seen in the hands of James bell writer in Edinburgh; and, for further particulars plication may be made to Alexander Farquharson ant in Edinburgh, who has power to sell, by private bargain.

House, Park, and Garden,
NEAR EDINBURGH.

To be LET, and entered to at Whitsunday next,

THE HOUSE, PARK, GARDEN, and OFFICES at the back of the Meadow, or Hope-park, lately poſſeſſed by the Honourable Captain William Elphinſton, and now by Charles Beaumont, Eſq; being the firſt entry on the eaſt ſide of the Cage, at the end of the mid walk of the Meadow.

The houſe conſiſts of a handſome dining-room and drawing room, fire bed-rooms, beſides three good garret rooms, with an excellent kitchen, ſcullery, and waſhing houſe, and an exceeding good pump well at the kitchen door.—The offices are a coach-houſe, ſtable with a hay-loft, hen-houſe, &c. all in good order.

For further particulars apply to James Fleming, ſtabler in the Graſsmarket, or to Patrick Grant, at the writing chamber of Colquhoun Grant, writer to the ſignet.

FURNISHED HOUSE TO LET,
IN HADDINGTON-SHIRE.

TO be LET, the FURNISHED HOUSE of NINEWAR, and offices, with or without ſome incloſures in graſs.

The Houſe is large, well furniſhed, and commodious for a gentleman's family; on a pleaſant ſituation near the ſea, four miles weſt of Dunbar, and ſeven miles eaſt of Haddington, in a plentiful country, near good markets and turnpike roads.

Enquire at Thomas Tod, writer to the ſignet. A ſervant in the houſe will ſhew the premiſſes.

A Furniſhed Houſe in Selkirk-ſhire
TO LET.

THE HOUSE of GALASHIELS, conſiſting of dining-room, drawing-room, nine bed-rooms, and ſeveral bed-cloſets. The dining-room and drawing-room are each thirty feet in length by twenty in breadth. There are alſo a kitchen, laundry, cellars, waſhing houſe, brew-houſe, complete ſtables and coach-houſe, ſervants rooms, and every other conveniency.

The houſe is completely furniſhed. There is a large garden ſurrounded with fruit-walls at a convenient diſtance from it. It ſtands moſt pleaſantly ſituated upon the river Gala, about thirty miles from Edinburgh, near the town of Galaſhiels, where there is an excellent market.

The country around is moſt conveniently ſituated for hunting, ſhooting, fiſhing, and every other country amuſement. The houſe will be let for one, two, or more years, as can be agreed on. The entry to be either immediately or at Whitſunday next. A tenant may have as much graſs ground as he chuſes.

For particulars apply to Thomas or Archibald Tods, writers to the ſignet, Edinburgh.—The gardener will ſhow the premiſſes.

Grazings to Let, and Cattle for Sale, in Roſſſhire.

TO be LET, for one or more years, and entered to at Whitſunday next,

The Whole Farms and Grazings
lying in the pariſh of Contin, and ſhire of Roſs, which belonged to, and were lately in the natural poſſeſſion of the deceaſed Alexander Mackenzie, Eſq; of Hiltown. The Grazings are of great extent, and well adapted for paſture to cattle of all kinds, having been long appropriated to that uſe by the late proprietor, with conſiderable advantage.

The ſervants at the different farms will ſhow the grounds, and further particulars will be communicated by Mr Colin Mackenzie at Belnain, by Dingwall; with whom, or with Kenneth Mackenzie, writer, Milne's Court, Edinburgh, propoſals may be lodged by intending offerers, before the third of May next, upon which day the premiſſes will be let, at the Houſe of Hiltown, in whole or in parcels, to the higheſt bidders.

There will alſo be ſold by public roup, at the place of Hiltown, upon Tueſday the 9th day of May next, the Whole STOCKING of CATTLE which belonged to the ſaid Alexander Mackenzie, conſiſting of from two to three hundred Milk Cows, and Driving Cattle, beſides a great number of Horſes, Sheep, Goats, &c. now paſturing upon the grazings, where the Cattle may be ſeen, previous to the day of ſale.

Sale of William Bain's Subjects.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Britiſh Coffee-houſe, Edinburgh, upon Wedneſday the 17th day of May next, between the hours of five and ſix afternoon, by the truſtees for the creditors of ſaid William Bain,

The whole HERITABLE SUBJECTS belonging to ſaid William Bain, lying in the Old Provoſt or Fleſh-market Cloſe of Edinburgh, and at the weſt end of Edinburgh Links.

Theſe ſubjects will be expoſed in lots, and particulars afterwards advertiſed. In the mean time, further information may be had by applying to Adam Stewart, writer in Edinburgh.

JUDICIAL SALE OF
Lands in the County of Argyle.
Upſet Price Reduced.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Parliament or New Seſſion Houſe in Edinburgh, upon Thurſday the 22d day of June 1786, betwixt the hours of five and ſeven in the afternoon, before the Lord Ordinary on the bills,

The following Subjects, belonging to NEIL M'KELLAR of Dail, viz.

LOT I. The Three Merk Land of STRONESKAR, including a ſmall ſtripe of the farm of Glaſvar, and for ſome time annexed to the farm of Stroneſkar, as preſently poſſeſſed by the ſaid Neil M'Kellar, Donald M'Callum, Dugald Campbell of Kilmartin, and John M'Lauchlan of Achagarran. The free yearly rent of this lot is proved to be 136 l. 3 s. 7 d. 8-12ths, and the upſet price, which is fixed at 21 years purchaſe of that rent, amounts to 2859 l. 16 s. 5 d. Sterling.

LOT II. The Four and One-half Merk Land of GLASVAR, as preſently poſſeſſed by James Potter, and the right of Mid Superiority of the Five Merk Land of Barmulloch; the Twenty-ſix Shilling and Eight-penny Land of Letternamolt; the Three Merk Land of Succothmoden, and of the Shealing called Arilochſhinnoch, in Benleave. The free yearly rent of this lot is proved to be 98 l. 14 s. 11 d. 4-12ths, and the upſet price, which is fixed at 21 years purchaſe of that rent, amounts to 2073 l. 13 s. 10 d. Sterling.

The whole lands lie in the pariſh of Kilmichael in Glaſry; hold of ſubject ſuperiors, are commodiouſly ſituated in the diviſion of Argyle, and are capable of great improvement. There is a ſmall manſion-houſe, and an excellent ſteading of offices on the lands of Stroneſkar.

The articles of roup are to be ſeen in the office of Mr John Callender depute-clerk of Seſſion; and copies thereof, and of the ſchemes of the rental and value, are to be ſeen in the hands of Allan M'Dougall writer to the ſignet, agent in the ſale, who will inform as to other particulars.

SALE OF LANDS IN ATHOL.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, upon Friday the 5th day of May 1786, between the hours of five and ſix in the afternoon.

The Lands of ORCHILL or URQUHILBEG, lying within the pariſh of Mouline; together with the Lands and Grazings of EDINTOWN, in Glengary, which belonged to the deceaſed Mr Daniel Macduff merchant in Dunkeld.

The Lands of Orchill are pleaſantly ſituated on the ſouth ſide of the river Garry, about ſeventeen miles from Dunkeld, and three miles from Blair, on the great road leading from Dunkeld to Blair. The grazings in Glengary are extenſive, and fit for paſturing either black cattle or ſheep.

There are no tacks upon any part of the premiſſes. The progreſs of writs may be ſeen in the hands of Alexander Nairne accomptant in Edinburgh, who is empowered to treat with any perſon inclined to purchaſe by private bargain, and will inform as to further particulars.

A COUNTRY HOUSE.

TO LET Furniſhed, and entered to at Whitſunday firſt, the Houſe, Office houſes, and Garden of REDHALL, with 50 acres of ground completely laid down. Redhall is three miles weſt from Edinburgh; is pleaſantly ſituated on the water of Leith; the garden and policy in the higheſt order. The ſervant at the houſe, will ſhow the houſe.

For further particulars, enquire of Captain Inglis the proprietor, at Auchindinny.

TO BE SOLD,
Or LET for five Years from Whitſunday next,

THAT DWELLING-HOUSE in St John's-ſtreet, being the ſouthmoſt in the eaſt row, with the coach-houſe, ſtable, and hay-loft thereto belonging.

The houſe is as ſubſtantial and convenient as any in the ſtreet. It may be ſeen on Saturdays, between the hours of one and two afternoon; and James Bremner writer in Edinburgh, will inform as to the price, &c.

FARM TO LET.

TO be LET for ſuch a number of years as may be agreed upon, The Farms of BLINKBONNIE and WEST MAINS of BLACKSHEILL.—The entry to the graſs at Whitſunday next, and to the reſt of the ground, at the ſeparation of the crop.

For particulars apply to the proprietor in Queen's Street, Edinburgh.

Black Bull Inn, Glaſgow, to Let.

To be LET for nineteen years, and entered to at Whitſunday 1787.

THE BLACK BULL INN, belonging to the Glaſgow Highland Society, as preſently occupied by Mr Patrick Heron.

The houſe contains an elegant hall, meaſuring 36 feet by 24½, a dining-room 25 feet by 15, eleven parlours 16½ feet by 15, beſides eighteen bed chambers, a very large and commodious kitchen, and a ſervants hall 15 1-half feet ſquare.

In the back Court, which can eaſily accommodate a number of carriages, there is a waſhing-houſe and well, a complete range of ſtables, with ſtalls for 40 horſes, and a loft which will contain near 4000 ſtones of hay; ſo that the premiſes form a moſt complete Inn; and for ſituation and convenience, cannot be equalled in the weſt of Scotland.

Perſons who have a view of becoming tackſmen, are deſired to communicate their propoſals between and the firſt day of June next, to Mr James Mathie, writer in Glaſgow, who in the mean time will be ready to give every information on the ſubject, that may be required.

A Furniſhed Country Seat.

To be LET for one or more years from Whitſunday next,

THE HOUSE LEITH-MOUNT.—This Houſe is moſt pleaſantly ſituated, about ſix minutes walk from North Leith Bridge, on the Cramond road.—It is moſt ſubſtantially built, and within theſe eighteen years.—It commands an extenſive proſpect of the frith of Forth, Fife, Eaſt Lothian, Edinburgh, and the adjacent country.—The ſoil is dry and healthy, with plenty of fine ſpring water.—The Houſe conſiſts immediately of two ſtories, and an attic ſtorey, four good rooms on a flat.—The dining-room is 25 feet by 18, and 12 feet high, and the reſt in a proper proportion. There is a Garden well ſtocked with wall and ſtandard fruit trees, conſiſting of appricot, peach, plumb, cherry, apple, and pear of different kinds.—Alſo, a Stable, a Byre, and a Coach-houſe, with the conveniency of a back Court; about half an Acre of Graſs Ground before the houſe; and if wanted, an Acre more may be had. The whole is incloſed with ſubſtantial brick and ſtone walls.

If this Houſe is thought too ſmall to accommodate a very large family, there is a ſunk area, which in two months time can be added, to conſiſt of a kitchen, about 17 feet ſquare about 9 feet high, and two other rooms equally good about the ſame ſize; and there are cellars, with catacombs ſufficient for the firſt family in the country.

For further particulars apply at the houſe, to James Chalmers the proprietor.

N. B. Three Hundred Stone of Hay and Straw for littering can be furniſhed.

Dwelling-Houſe and Garden to Sell.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, on Wedneſday the 26th April current, between the hours of ſix and ſeven afternoon,

A Commodious Dwelling-houſe, lying at Drumſheugh (adjoining to Lord Alva's), containing, on the ground-floor, dining room, drawing room, lobby, kitchen, and proper accommodation for ſervants; and four bed-rooms above ſtairs, with three light cloſets, and a garret, with ſeveral other conveniencies;—alſo, a Garden and Small Piece of Ground, adjoining to ſaid Dwelling-houſe, with a large Row of Work-houſes; and a Small Dwelling-houſe, and Garrets above the ſame.

——Theſe ſubjects lie without the Royalty, a little to the north of Kirkbraehead, are very fit for carrying on any manufacture which requires room, they were formerly employed in the linen branch, for which, gauze or ſtocking weavers, cabinet-makers, &c. &c. they are very fit, being within a little diſtance from the weſt end of the New Town, and the dwelling-houſe ſufficient for the accommodation of the manufacturer.—They will equally ſuit a private family, as the workhouſes can eaſily be let, or converted into ſmall dwelling-houſes, part of them being at preſent occupied in that way.—The feu-duty is one boll barley.

For the encouragement of purchaſers, the ſubjects will be ſet up at Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds.

Poſſeſſion will be given immediately to the dwelling-houſe and garden, and at Martinmas to the other houſes.

For particulars apply to Mr Loch, Paterſon's Court, in whoſe hands the articles of roup and progreſs of writs may be ſeen.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

Soft Soap Work for Sale.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within Gibb's Coffeehouſe in Leith, upon Friday the 21ſt day of April 1786, betwixt the hours of twelve noon, and two afternoon,

That AREA and HOUSES, lying on the weſt ſide of the Tolbooth Wynd, South Leith, lately employed by the Leith Sopery Company, for a SOAP WORK, with the Citterns and Utenſils thereto belonging.

The articles of roup, and inventory of the utenſils, are to be ſeen in the hands of Robert Jamieſon writer to the ſignet; and the ſubjects will be ſhown by Mr David Neilſon at the Soap Work, who will commune with any perſon inclining to make a private bargain.

N. B. The buſineſs of the CANDLE WORK is carried on by the Leith Sopery Company, as formerly.

Lands & Houſes in Tranent & Peebles.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the houſe of James Powell in Tranent, on Thurſday the 20th of April curt. betwixt the hours of twelve and one noon, in three different lots,

Some ACRES of LAND, lying contiguous to the town of Tranent, and commanding a beautiful proſpect of the frith of Forth.

Alſo, ſeveral Houſes, with two Gardens, and other conveniencies, poſſeſſed by John Redford and John Downie and others, either together or ſeparately, as purchaſers ſhall incline.

And, on Wedneſday the 10th of May next, will be ſold by public roup, in the Town-houſe of Peebles, ſeveral Houſes with a large Garden in that town, and four ſoums of graſs in the lands of Kedmore, and ſome acres of Land lying contiguous to the town of Peebles, preſently poſſeſſed by Robert Dodds, Mrs Niven, and others.

For particulars as to the ſubjects in Tranent, apply to Peter Forreſter merchant, Edinburgh; and as to the ſubjects in Peebles, to William Kerr, Eſq; of Kerrfield, or Mr Robert Laidlaw, Peebles.

Sale of Houſes and Two Gardens
AT LEITH.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, in Gibb's Coffeehouſe, Leith, upon Saturday the 15th April 1786, at twelve o'clock noon,

ALL and WHOLE theſe Two DWELLING-HOUSES in Lee's Quarter, Leith. One of them lately poſſeſſed by Mr William Edmondſtone ſurgeon in Leith, now deceaſed; the other poſſeſſed by Mrs Lindſay, with the two Gardens thereto belonging.—As alſo, ſundry Small Houſes lying at the head of the ſaid gardens.

The articles of roup, progreſs of writings, which is clear, and a rental of the ſubjects, to be ſeen in the hands of Mr John Cheyne ſurgeon in Leith, or of Mr John Anderſon merchant there.

If not ſold, the above houſe lately poſſeſſed by Mr Edmondſtone will be LET.

As alſo, all the MEDICINES and SHOP UTENSILS belonging to the late Mr Edmondſtone; and all his Books in Phyſic and Surgery will be ſold, by public roup, upon Tueſday the 18th April 1786. The roup to begin at ten o'clock forenoon, and to continue till the whole are ſold off.

To be SOLD by Private Bargain,

THE Lands and Eſtate of MONTGOMERIESTON, lying in the pariſh of Kirkmichael, and ſhire of Ayr, which are pleaſantly ſituated upon the water of Doon, within four or five miles of the town of Ayr, to which there is an eaſy acceſs by a turnpike road.

This eſtate is preſently under leaſe to four ſubſtantial tenants, at the yearly rent of 336 l. 8 s. The legal deductions from which amount to 61. 13 s. 3½d.

There is plenty of marl in theſe grounds, and at preſent the appearance of a good limeſtone quarry. And as the tenants are by their leaſes under proper reſtrictions, with regard to the management of their farms, a conſiderable riſe may be expected, upon the expiry of the current leaſes.

The teinds are valued by an old decreet of valuation, and almoſt exhauſted by the ſtipend.

There is a remarkable thriving wood upon this eſtate, which produced at laſt cutting, which began about nine or ten years ago, about 1000 l. Sterling. The woods have ſince that time been properly fenced and attended to.

The eſtate holds of the Crown, and affords a freehold qualification in the county of Ayr.

Any perſon wiſhing to purchaſe, or to be informed of other particulars, may apply to the proprietor at Sandrum, near Ayr, or to Francis and John Andersons writers to the ſignet, Edinburgh.

Lands of Harperfield, near Lanark,
TO BE SOLD.

THIS eſtate contains 200 Engliſh acres of arable land, and near 20 acres of wood, gardens, and orchard. It is ſituated at the confluence and ſtretches a meaſured mile along the banks of the rivers Clyde and Douglas, commanding a proſpect of a beautiful vale both above and below the houſe. It is diſtant 33 miles (of excellent turnpike road) from Edinburgh, and one mile above the great Cotton Work near Lanark; in the neigbourhood of the three remarkable cataracts or water-falls of Clyde, to which there are romantic walks along the banks of the river. The country abounds with game of every kind, and the moſt engaging field-ſports of hunting, ſhooting, and angling are to be had in perfection.

The lands are divided into 16 fields, all well encloſed with a ſunk ſtone fence, and with hedges and ditches, ſheltered by belts and clumps of trees; and every field is ſupplied with water. There is a lime quarry within the grounds, and great plenty of coal at one mile's diſtance. There are two moſſes appropriated to the lands, and they are further entitled to a right of commonty, and to a ſhare of the extenſive common of Brokencroſs muir. The grounds have been all limed, drained, and cleared of ſtones.

There is a walled garden, a kitchen-garden, an orchard, and a pigeon-houſe all completely ſtocked.

The houſe contains ſix fire rooms, beſides kitchen, cellars, and every conveniency for houſehold ſervants. There is a court of offices for the houſe and another for the farm.

If not ſold, the houſe, which is completely furniſhed, and the lands, will be let in whole or in ſeparate fields. The entry to be immediately.

For other particulars enquire at John Bannatyne, Eſq; Provoſt of Lanark, or Meſſrs Wauchope and Cumin, writers to the ſignet, Edinburgh.

SALE of LANDS and FEU DUTIES,
In the Counties of Edinburgh and Roxburgh.
TO BE SOLD,

THE LANDS and BARONY of NEWTON, lying in the pariſh of Bedrule.

This eſtate is pleaſantly ſituated upon the banks of the river Teviot within a few miles of Jedburgh, Kelſo, and Hawick, all good markets, towns. The great road from Berwick to Carliſle runs through it. The ſoil is remarkably good and very improveable; and there is limeſtone in the grounds, and plenty of marl in the neighbourhood.

This eſtate contains about 740 acres, Scotch meaſure; holds blench of the Crown; ſtands valued in the ceſs-books of the county at 853 l.; and there is upon it a great number of fine old trees of conſiderable value, ſome natural wood, delightful ſituations for a manſion-houſe, and good quarries at a very little diſtance.

The Lands of MUIRHOUSE-LAW, lying in the pariſh of Maxtown.

Theſe lands, which contain upwards of 660 Scotch acres, hold feu of the Crown, and are valued in the ceſs-books of the county at 733 l. 6 s. 8 d.; are ſituated upon the great road from Edinburgh to Newcaſtle by Jedburgh, which runs along the weſt ſide of them; and are within a few miles of Jedburgh, Kelſo, Hawick, and Melroſe. They are very improveable, and in the neighbourhood of plenty of marl.

The Lands of HOISLAW-HILL, FALSIDE, and PLACE-GRADEN, lying in the pariſh of Linton.

This eſtate lies within a few miles of Kelſo, upon the weſt ſide of the great road from Edinburgh to Newcaſtle by Kelſo; contains 800 acres, Scotch meaſure or thereby; holds blench of the Marquis of Lothian; and is valued in the ceſs-books of the county at 586 l. 13 s. 4 d. The ſoil is good and very improveable, and there is plenty of coal and lime in the neighbourhood.

The Lands of NETHER CHATTO and EDLESCLEUGH, lying in the pariſh of Hownam.

Theſe lands contain 970 Scotch acres or thereby, all excellent ſheep ground; hold blench of the Crown, and ſtand valued in the ceſs-books of the county at 114 l. 12 s.

The Lands of LONGLEE and GILLIESTONGUES, lying within the pariſh of Jedburgh.

This farm holds feu of the family of Douglas, conſiſts of about 400 acres Scotch meaſure; is ſituated upon the water of Jed, within two miles of Jedburgh; the great road from Edinburgh to Newcaſtle by Jedburgh runs through it; the ſoil is very good both for tillage and paſture; and there is upon it ſome fine old trees, and thriving natural wood of conſiderable value.

The Lands of LAVOROCKHALL or LARKHALL, lying in the immediate vicinage of Jedburgh; with ſundry acres to a conſiderable extent in the fields of Jedburgh, all holding of the Marquis of Lothian.

N. B. The whole of the above lands lie in the county of Roxburgh.

AND

The SUPERIORITY of certain parts of the Lands of Pittendreich or Pendreich, lying in the pariſh of Laſſwade and county of Edinburgh, with the Feu-duties payable furth thereof, amounting to 60 l. 1 s. 8 d. Sterling in money, 46 bolls of wheat, and 46 bolls of barley.

The progreſs of writs, plans, and meaſurements of the grounds, with the rentals, and current leaſes, are to be ſeen in the hands of Patrick Kerr writer to the ſignet, to whom application may be made for further information. The preſent tenants and baron officers will ſhow the grounds.

A Field well calculated for a Bleachfield,
A Lint Mill, Wauk Mill, with a ſuitable Farm, if required, to Let.

THE premiſſes are ſituated at Eaſter Dunie, on the banks of the river Beauly, in a pleaſant, plentiful, and populous country, near the great road leading from Inverneſs to Roſſſhire, Sutherland, Caithneſs, &c.—It is only ten meaſured miles diſtant from Inverneſs, and there is no Bleachfield within thirty miles.—The tide flows up the river, within a quarter of a mile of the premiſſes.

A leaſe of any endurance, with all ſuitable encouragement will be given.

Apply to Major Fraſer of Belladrum, the proprietor, by Inverneſs.

Lands, Houſe, Garden, &c.
In Stirlingſhire.

To be SOLD by Private Bargain,

THE Lands of WESTER LIVILANDS, MEADOW LANDS, CHAPELCROFT, and BIZETLAND, lying in the pariſh of St Ninian's, and ſhire of Stirling.

The lands conſiſt of about ſeventy Scots acres, partly carſe, and partly dryfield, all incloſed and ſubdivided, and of very fine ſoil. Livilands holds of the Crown, and is valued in the ceſs-books at above 200 l. Scots. The other lands, which are of no great extent, hold of ſubjects ſuperior, for payment of ſmall feu-duties. The lands are at preſent all out of tack.

There is a very good manſion houſe on the premiſes, conſiſting of nine rooms and a kitchen, in good repair, with good offices and out houſes, and a very good kitchen garden and orchard; there are alſo a conſiderable number of old trees and young planting on the lands.

The ſituation of the houſe is perhaps one of the pleaſanteſt and moſt beautiful in any country, commanding a view of the windings of the River Forth, from Stirling downwards for many miles, and of the rich and fertile country on both ſides of the River. It is within a quarter of a mile of the village of St Ninian's, and little more than half a mile from the town of Stirling, where there is an excellent market; and the communication with Edinburgh is rendered very commodious, as there are ſtage coaches ſix days in the week, which arrive at Stirling and Edinburgh by three o'clock each day.

For further particulars apply to Alexander Abercromby writer to the ſignet, or John M'Gibbon, town clerk of Stirling.

Andrew Downie at Livilands will ſhew the premiſes.

Reſtoration of Sight, by

DR JAMES's FEVER POWDER.

A New inſtance of the wonderful efficacy of this medicine, as communicated by the Reverend Mr Tonyn, of Radnage, near Wycomb in Buckinghamſhire, in the caſe of Ann Carey, in the 19th year of her age.

"This young woman, about four years ago, ſtooping careleſsly over a lighted candle, burnt her right eye with the ſcalding tallow. Her mother applied the uſual ſalves; and after ſome weeks her eye becoming daily worſe, ſhe was brought to me, as her parents had no other means of ſupporting a large family but their labour, and could not employ a ſurgeon. The eye was then much inflamed; her face and head on the ſame ſide were conſiderably ſwelled, and there was a great diſcharge from the ſore. I directed her to bathe it with the Vegeto-mineral Water of Goulard, and gave her a cooling ointment to dreſs it with. The ſwelling ſubſided; but, as I perceived no amendment of the eye, I recommended her to the care of a ſurgeon in the neighbourhood, a gentleman of great profeſſional merit and humanity. Every outward application which he could deviſe was tried: he gave her medicines as alteratives, made iſſues in her arm, and a ſeton in her neck. She grew worſe. A courſe of mercurials was thought adviſeable, but no good effect enſued. Her left eye alſo was now affected; ſhe was ſeized with convulſion fits, and ſoon became *totally blind*. Every evacuation was impeded, and the catamenia entirely obſtructed. She complained of great pains in her ſtomach and head; and the fits returned almoſt daily; ſhe had often three, and ſometimes four, in the day, and ſhe was greatly emaciated.

The ſurgeon ſaid he could be of no uſe to her, and wiſhed to have her ſent to the Radcliffe Infirmary at Oxford, where ſhe was recommended and admitted in June 1784. She remained there, I think, ten weeks, was then diſcharged as incurable, and returned home with all her complaints.

At the end of May laſt her parents told me, ſhe was ſo ill, that without ſome relief they thought ſhe would ſoon die. I then determined to give her Dr James's Powder, in doſes of ſix grains, on going to bed. After ſhe had taken it eight days, ſhe thought herſelf better; the pains in her ſtomach and head were greatly abated. In a month ſhe perceived ſome light with her left eye; and, on examining it, the white film with which it was overſpread appeared to be ſeparated about the breadth of a thread directly before the pupil. Towards the end of the fifth week, her mother neglected to give her ſome rhubarb, which ſhe had been provided with in caſe of coſtiveneſs, and ſhe had a ſlight fit, and the headach and pains in her ſtomach returned with a feveriſh heat. I increaſed the doſe of powder to ten grains for two nights, and gave at the ſame times 20 and 25 grains of rhubarb. The effect was, that the catamenia returned perfectly, and every uneaſy ſenſation was removed on the ſecond day. In a few days more ſhe ſaw with her left eye, ſo as to know her family; and in leſs than two months ſhe attempted to make lace, and wrought ſome of a coarſe ſort. In nine weeks ſhe could ſee a little with the eye that had been burnt; the ſwelling of her head was entirely reduced; ſhe recovered her ſtrength and appetite, and was grown abſolutely fat. Her right eye is now healed, though the ſight of that is imperfect; but her left eye is entirely well.

Humanity forbids that ſo wonderful a recovery ſhould be concealed. C. W. TONYN."

Radnage, Nov. 25. 1785.

This inſtance of the reſtoration of ſight will be another proof of the extraordinary efficacy of Dr James's Powder, when taken as an alterative; but thoſe who would avail themſelves of the virtues of this medicine will be careful to procure the genuine ſort. Every art is practiſed to impoſe ſpurious preparations upon the public. Some have gone ſo far as to forge Mr Newbery's ſignature (againſt one of whom, a druggiſt in Throgmorton-ſtreet, a verdict has been lately obtained, with three hundred pounds damages); and at this time, one Benjamin Perrin (formerly a ſervant with Dr James) is daring enough to offer powders to ſale, under the artful pretence of having been chemical operator to the Doctor, though he never was employed in that capacity, and though he never aſſiſted in any part of the proceſs of his Fever Powder. To obviate ſuch impoſitions, the public are in poſſeſſion of the fulleſt evidence, that of the ſolemn depoſition of Dr James himſelf, in an affidavit which he left in the hands of his executors, and which they publiſhed as a ſatisfaction to the world ſoon after his deceaſe. In this he declared, that he never admitted any perſon to be preſent at the proceſs of his Fever Powder, but his ſon Robert Harcourt James, and Mr Newbery; and as they have never diſcovered the art and ſecret of it, no other perſon can know the real preparation.—An alteration in a medicine of ſo delicate and powerful a nature may prove of fatal conſequence; and mankind will not ſuffer themſelves to become the dupes, perhaps the victims, to daring and ignorant pretenders.

The genuine Powder is ſold only by FRANCIS NEWBERY, at No. 45, in St Paul's Church-yard, five doors from the Trunkmaker's towards St Paul's School; and ſold alſo by Huſband, Elder, and Co. at Edinburgh. Each packet has a label on the outſide, ſigned F. Newbery; and as an additional ſecurity againſt counterfeits, his name, by favour of the Commiſſioners of the Stamp-Office, is printed in all the ſtamps.

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